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French Novelist, Philosopher Scheduled to Speak

Two speakers sponsored by the University Center will be on campus during the week of February 20.

John Edwin Smith, philosopher, will speak on "William James: The Link Between Behavior and Doing" in the duPont Little Theatre on Feb. 21 at 4 p.m.

Professor Smith was born in Brooklyn and earned his B. A. from Columbia University in 1942. He earned a B. D. in Theological Seminary and a Ph. D. from Columbia.

He served as assistant to the Minister of the Memorial Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn from 1942 to 1945 and as assistant in the Columbia University's Department of Philosophy in 1945. He was also taught at Vassar and Barnard. Until 1952 he was a full professor at the University of Pennsylvania. He was granted a leave-of-absence in 1955 to do research—under a Merton Fellowship—the concept of self in general philosophy in Heidelberg, Germany.

Comment on Philosophy

In addition to his extensive writing and translating, he has served as a consultant on philosophical publications to the publishing firms of John Wiley and Sons, Prentice-Hall, Grosset and Dunlap, and Harvard University Press.

In 1950-51, he served as treasurer of the Metaphysical Society of America and also a member of the Columbia Philosophical Association, Charles S. Peirce, Society, Mind Association, Philosophy Club, and the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences.

In 1959, Professor Smith received an appointment as the Hellenic Lecture for 1959 at Harvard—a distinguished leadership which is one of the old

French Novelist
Madame Marguerite Yourcenar, French novelist, will speak on Feb. 22 at 4 p.m. at the duPont Little Theatre. Her topic will be "The Universe of Prose."

Miss Yourcenar was born in Brussels of French descent 51 years ago. She is an American citizen and she taught at Sarah Lawrence College. She is indeed to American university libraries a well-known figure, known and controlled by scholarship.

One of her major works is a study of the life of Hadrian, second-century Roman Emperor. The book is written in the form of an epistle and is an historical novel.

The novel won the Prix Femina.

Kirksey Named To Mlle. Board

Mary Washington College will be represented this year on Mademoiselle's national College Board by Margaret Kirksey, a science major.

Sue is among the 822 colleges who will report to Mademoiselle this year. She is a College Board member, each girl will complete an application for her interests in fashion, advertising or art, in competition for the twenty Guest Editors to be awarded by the magazine at the end of May.

Barden to Reign

The Guest Editors will be brought to New York for four weeks next June to help write the annual Mademoiselle August College issue. Their transportation will be paid to and from New York and they will receive a regular salary for their work.

In addition to their work on the magazine, Guest Editors will interview outstanding men and women in their chosen fields of work.

The games with Longwood will be Mary Washington's only home games, the student body is urged to come out and support their teams. These should be two very good games. Let's all go!

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Student Government?

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At this meeting nominations were taken for next year's Student Government officers. Slates were announced and nominations taken for the presidents of Honor Council, of the Recreation and Inter-Club Associations and of the Y.W.C.A.

These are recognized as the most important positions at Mary Washington. The girls who are elected to them fill, under the present system of student government, the policy makers, the administrators of student life next year. In short, they are the leaders and representatives of the student body.

Given the importance of these offices, their effect on each student individually, has not been sufficiently emphasized.

In a school of nearly 1700 students, 500 can hardly be considered a quorum. Yet that is the number of girls who were present at Monday night's meeting. The implications of this situation raise doubt in some minds as to whether or not Mary Washington students really wish to govern themselves. The dia-

interest was shown not only in the small number of girls attending the meeting, but also in the almost total lack of response among those who were present. Questioning the students' desire for self-government, it is necessary to seek a reason for their apparent disinterest.

The most obvious answer is responsibility, or more accurately, the fear of responsibility.

Girls nominated for offices in campus organizations, large ones and small ones, refuse the job or accept it reluctantly. Why?

Judging from the student body meeting Monday night, girls are even backing away from the responsibility of choosing their own officers.

It is true that average students have a fear of criticism, so lacking in self-confidence that she will not even accept the responsibility of making up her own mind?

Student Government means government by the students. If girls continue to refuse the job of choosing their officers and cooperating with them, the whole concept of student government becomes worthless.

Mary Washington students must begin to accept their responsibilities or they must abandon the idea of SGA.

The Mail Battle!

The college station post office is not a physical part of the Mary Washington College campus, but all most every student walks in its doors every day, but one wonders if they ever leave.

There are approximately seventeen hundred students enrolled in the college, and a large portion of these check "Box", College Station, each day. A great many of them stand before their boxes and read their mail, while many more are clawing their way through the readers to reach their own boxes.

The spectacle on that infamous Saturday the grades came resembled a zoo at feeding time. The single man in the post office on that day was harried and hounded. Students demanded to know where the grades would be up line and why he wasn't doing it, while a line of thirteen people waited to buy stamps.

The public officials who hold up under the strain and still manage to smile should be congratulated. The people who

leave the post office with only minor injuries are to be congratulated that they were fortunate not to be trampled to death.

A lecture in common courtesy should be delivered to the remainder of those who partake of the services of the United States postal department. The post office is not college property, but a public building. There is no reason why students must stand in front of their boxes and read their mail, while many more are clawing their way through the readers to reach their own boxes.

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Insurance or Shovel

Now is the time to increase accident insurance coverage! Judging from the accumulation of snow on the walks and paths of campus, the possibilities for acquiring a sprained ankle, broken leg or maybe a broken back have increased near 100 percent.

It has been over a week since the last snow, and the clear days have been unusually warm. For this reason, instead of the quaint brick walks usually seen on campus, the college has a system of ice patches, sand boxes and ankle-deep puddles of standing water.

It is understandable to try to get to a class room or to the C-Shop or dash to the post office. As a matter of fact, it is impossible. The students' progress from building to building resembles the tortoise's half of the legendary race.

It does seem that more progress could

have been made between snows than has been. Isn't it feasible that clearing the walks immediately after a snowfall would prevent the dangerous and disastrous accumulations? And now that the snow has finally melted slightly, it should be possible to eliminate the huge puddles that seem to exist everywhere?

No one enjoys having to pick her way to class, whether it is walking for five minutes, or having to swim from the dorm steps to the main sidewalk. And no one enjoys having constantly wet feet, wet shoes and on occasions wet clothes resulting from a fall.

The Maintenance Department has tried to help the situation by sprinkling sand on the brick walks, and while it is still snowing, this is a good help. But now that the snows have stopped, at least temporarily, it is time to stop sprinkling and start shoveling.—CAB

DuPont Exhibitions

Feb. 20 to March 1
Exhibition from French Information Services, sponsored by French Department. *Open to all.*

March 13 to April 3
"Photography in the Fine Arts." Loan exhibition through the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

April 20 to 29
"Civil War Drawings" sponsored by the Civil War Centennial Committee.

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In Tune
Quartet Cuts New Record

By LINDA GILES

A rapidly rising group in popularity is the Brothers Four, a group of four Phi Gams from the University of Washington. These young men have an album entitled "Rally 'Round" which clearly demonstrates their excellent singing ability and their large and varied repertoire of songs.

The Brothers Four enjoy performing for the pure joy of singing, and they do their own arranging; thus the unique style of each song. The Brothers Four are experts of songs to perform, ballads and novelty songs alike. The ballads have a haunting sound; one outstanding example of this distinctive singing is the song "Tane." Other ballads included in the album are "Beneath the Willow" and "Ellie Lou".

The novelty or "fun" tunes which the Brothers Four sing are each of a different type, and each has its own unique style. Just to mention a few of the selections offered, the listener will find "The Wedding Proposal" and "Nine Pound Hammer."

This singing group is outstanding in two respects. First, they possess the ability to harmonize excellently on all number they sing. Second, they have near perfect diction. This combination is comparatively rare among the singing groups of today.

"Rally 'Round" is a perfect record for listening, and the Brothers Four can hardly be surpassed in this field.



POINT OF VIEW:

Grades or Knowledge?

By JO KNOTTS

According to the catalogue "a student's class standing determines his final grade in any course. Class standing is based upon the quality of a student's work in a course, and upon the knowledge he is supposed to be pursued is not it rather ludicrous that the importance of class standing far outweighs the primary purpose of education?"

In many cases, the professor introduces the plan of the course and the method of grading system.

The student, therefore, from the beginning of a course is indoctrinated with the idea that she should be fully prepared for this apparent "spahn."

The ideal grading system would be that which combined the two extremes of "grades or knowledge."

Students must be given "prizes," however, so educators have tried to satisfy their desires. But, can educators revamp their "reward" plan? Cannot they place

more emphasis on the purpose of the educational system which should be the urging of *Lifetime awakening of the mind?* Cannot they stress what one should seek and find in life, and what is the reward for such a search?

An experiment of this revised emphasis would prove most interesting. If the presumed outcome of such an experiment were to be promotion, true seekers after knowledge, would not even then it would surely prove that as man can progress, surely does he regress.

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Spring Demands Figure Correction

By MARY CONLEY

It seems as if another problem is soon to arrive in addition to the problems we, as college women, face in the ordinary rush of an academic career. The problem of "spring—is fast—approaching—and that means—spring clothes" is arriving with jet speed.

Suddenly, one whole college of girls with an eye for fashion will realize that the bulk, which has been bunched in wool, cannot be hidden beneath the light wools, cottons, and silks of springtime. When this occurs, the part will go—right now is the time for some good exercise, and the trimness necessary for the spring clothes with the or no sleeves must be attributed to swimming, bowling, or

Boys when (and I!) this globe is covered with snow ever before. Mary Washington's once campus, the archery, golf, and lacrosse programs will be their way here can be no better time to start getting outside as much as possible.

Perhaps the most drastic change in the spring out of hips and legs where calories are the most, and amply takes care of the body. It is really notices and admits to the results of swimming.

The "face" of this American Spring, 1961" must have the prerequisites of a crash course of eating right, exercise, and plenty of sleep.

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CLOTHESLINE:

New Hair Styles Are Straightened

By LIZ REDDINGTON

Although snow is on the ground and spring seems absolutely ages away, now is the time to start getting "your" hair into springtime condition first thing to start with is your hair.

Looking ahead to spring there is great news for those lazy people who hate to spend an hour or so before the mirror trying to style their hair. The latest is a "half-scoop" look, the hair being cut in a flat, rounded hairstyle. The crown will have the bubble fullness, but it is a soft and smooth fullness with the sides and back being combed.

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Sincerely, Those interested in "The pursuit of communication."

Letters

To whom it may concern:

From three of the disgruntled inhabitants of Mary Ball Hall, a few comments on the recent disaster concerning a basic necessity—water!

It is not our purpose to complain about the severe efforts to correct this situation, as we know that the administration is doing its best. We merely wish to express our opinion concerning the lack of communication on the part of the administration.

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